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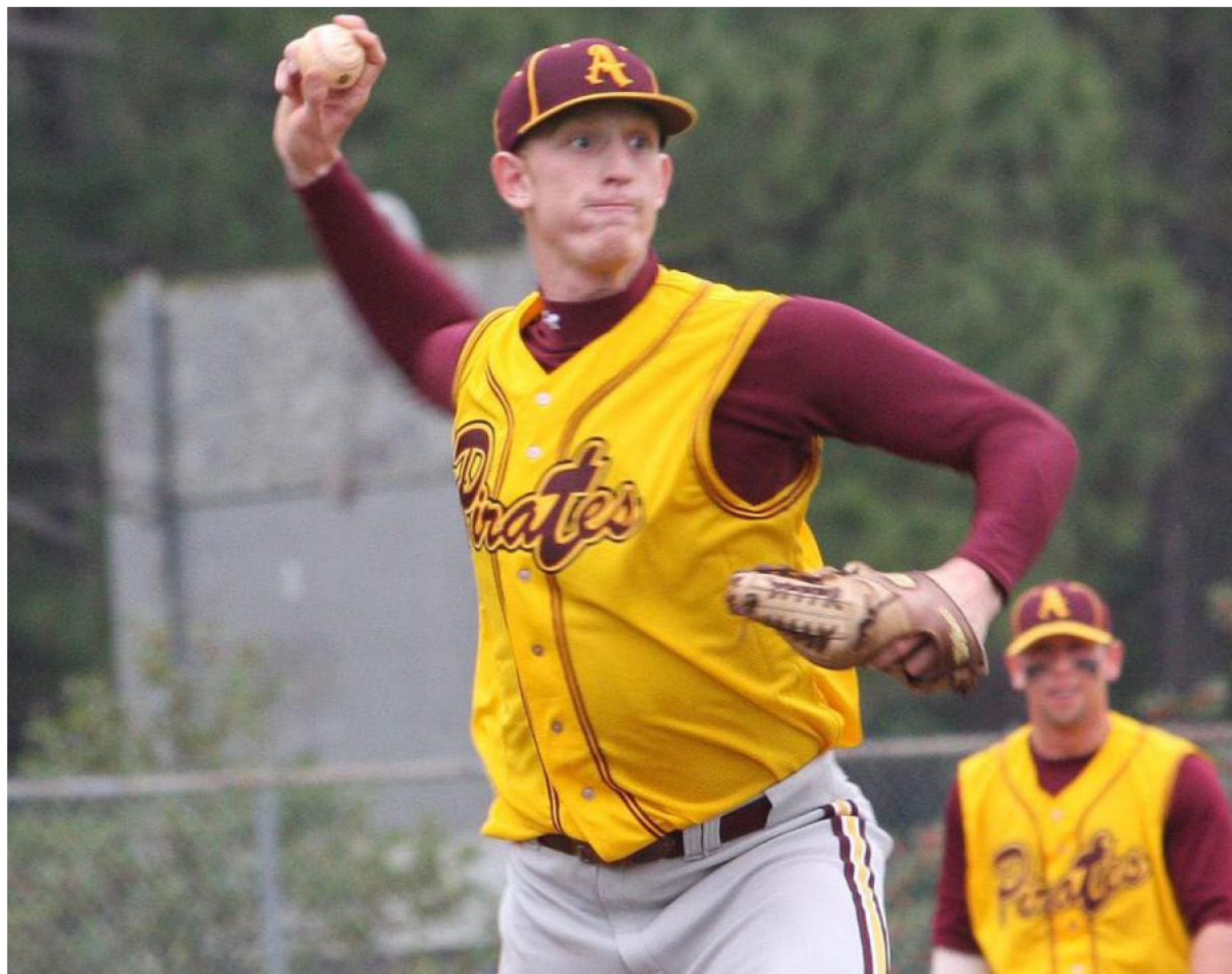


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### BASEBALL

#### Four Pirates Earn All-Southeast Region Baseball Honors





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**SAVANNAH, Ga.** - Four members of the Peach Belt Conference champion Armstrong Atlantic State University baseball squad have earned All-Southeast Region honors by the three organizations releasing their teams this week.

Armstrong junior outfielder Zach Taylor was named to the first team and also earned Southeast Region Player of the Year honors by the American Baseball Coaches' Association (ABCA), while also earning first-team honors and co-Player of the Year honors by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America (NCBWA). The 2012 PBC Player of the Year was a second-team outfield honoree by Daktronics and CoSIDA. The Statesboro, Ga., native hit .373 with 15 home runs, 71 RBIs and a .699 slugging percentage in 2012, leading the PBC in home runs and RBIs.

Sophomore starting pitcher **Ethan Bader**, meanwhile, was a first-team honoree by the ABCA and a second-team honoree by the NCBWA and Daktronics/CoSIDA. Bader tied an Armstrong single-season record with 12 wins in 2012, going 12-4 with a 3.37 ERA, striking out a PBC-leading 119 batters in 115 innings pitched. The 119 strikeouts were the second most in a single season in Armstrong history as well.

Both Bader and Taylor will now have an opportunity for All-American honors from the ABCA and Taylor will advance to national balloting for the NCBWA.

Freshman first baseman/DH R.J. Dennard was named a second-team All-Region honoree by the ABCA at the infield position. Dennard hit .352, second best on the team, with one home run and 43 RBIs while opening up his career with a 15-game hitting streak. The Soperton, Ga., native also earned All-PBC honors this season.

Senior starting pitcher Chandler Hall was named a second-team All-Region honoree by Daktronics/CoSIDA for going 9-3 with a 4.40 ERA, hurling six complete games and giving up 108 hits in 106.1 innings pitched while walking 31 and striking out 53. The Augusta, Ga., native won seven straight decisions during PBC play and his six complete games led the league.

The Pirates finished 41-16 overall, winning both the PBC regular season and tournament titles to become one of only three league schools to pull off the feat in the same season.





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